

# Outlook

The University of Maryland Faculty and Staff Weekly Newspaper  
Volume 12 • Number 33 • June 16, 1998

Campus Construction, page 3

Summer Symphony Sounds, page 4

Fireworks for the Fourth, page 7

## C.D. Mote Jr. Takes the Helm *New President Ready to Move Campus Forward*

The University of Maryland ushered in a new era June 2, when the Board of Regents announced the appointment of Clayton Daniel "Dan" Mote Jr. as the university's 27th president. The 61-year-old C.D. Mote begins his new role in September, replacing William E. Kirwan, who assumes the presidency of Ohio State University July 1.

Provost Gregory Geoffroy will serve as acting president during the interim period.

Mote comes to Maryland from the University of California, Berkeley, where, since 1991, he has served as vice chancellor of University Relations and president of the UC Berkeley Foundation. In this capacity, he has been responsible for working with the university's external constituencies through a variety of programs, including fundraising, government relations, publications and public information.

A renowned scholar, Mote is an engineering professor who also held an endowed chair in mechanical systems. His technical expertise is in the areas of dynamic systems, instrumentation, vibration and biomechanics. He is internationally recognized for his research on gyroscopic systems and also the biomechanics of skiing injury.

Like his predecessor, Kirwan, Mote has spent almost his entire career at Berkeley. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees, as well as his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering, all from Berkeley. During his time as chair of mechanical engineering, the department was declared the best in the nation in the National Research Council review of graduate program effectiveness.

The Berkeley engineering professor also had an incredible talent for attracting grants and contracts, which he eventually parlayed into a career in fund-raising. As vice chancellor, Mote was leading Berkeley through a seven-and-a-half-year, \$1.1 billion capital campaign. Already, he has raised \$765 million of that in gifts for the illustrious West Coast institution.

A standing ovation greeted Mote as he and his wife, Patsy were introduced to the small crowd of faculty, staff and students gathered outside the Main Administration Building for the June 2 announcement. "This is a real wow," said



Berkeley's C.D. "Dan" Mote Jr. arrives on campus in September to begin his University of Maryland presidency.

Mote, who only two days before had been offered the presidential post by Chancellor Donald Langenberg. "At first, I thought he had the wrong number," said Mote of Langenberg's call.

But Mote said he had no doubts about accepting the presidency. "This clearly is an institution on the edge of booming," said Mote. "I consider it my good luck to come here."

In commenting on Mote, Langenberg called him a "researcher's researcher, an executive's executive, and a heck of a nice guy." Integrity, intelligence and innovation are words people use to describe Mote, said Langenberg, "but they also describe this campus." Mote's success as a researcher and a fund-raiser, he said, will help build and strengthen the bridges between the campus and the larger world.

Much credit also was given by Langenberg to the 18-member search committee chaired by Susan Schwab, dean of the School of Public Affairs. Schwab said the 18-member committee had "an overwhelming sense that this is an incredible moment in time for the university." Mote, she noted, can build on Kirwan's work and help the university move forward.

Calling Mote a scholar and a leader, Schwab shared the committee's delight that he "has cho-



Continued on page 2

## Faculty Retirement Incentive Program Has Aug. 31 Deadline

More than 200 faculty on campus may be considering early retirement, compliments of a new faculty retirement incentive program developed by a University System of Maryland task force. The program was finalized June 1, and is now being implemented on campuses throughout the University System.

"This early retirement program applies to faculty who will be 60 years old by Sept. 1, 1998, no exceptions," says Ellin Scholnick, associate provost for faculty affairs. Participation in the program is voluntary.

To be eligible, says Scholnick, a faculty member must have 25 years of full-time creditable service in any USM institution as of Sept. 1, 1998, and be an active full-time employee as of June 1, 1998. Faculty currently on terminal leave are not eligible for this incentive.

An enhanced benefit of the early faculty retirement program is a cash bonus of \$30,000 to be paid by separate check following the date of retirement. The bonus payment will be calculated as part of the faculty member's income for the calendar year in which payment is received.

Unlike House Bill 199, which provided early retirement incentives for university staff, the faculty early retirement program is not legislatively based. Each individual campus is responsible for funding the program.

Faculty eligible for the program have four dates on which they may retire: July 1, 1998, Sept. 1, 1998, Jan. 1, 1999 or July 1, 1999. When they retire is not the faculty member's decision, says Scholnick. "Because payment of the incentive must be made from departmental budgets, and because the department must make arrangements for fulfilling the retiree's instructional responsibility, the date of retirement must have the approval of the department chair and dean of the college," she says.

Last week, information packets were mailed to all faculty considered eligible for this early retirement incentive. Included in the packet is a form for declaring the intent to retire. This form, complete with all the appropriate signatures, must be in Scholnick's Office (1126 Main Administration) by noon, Monday, Aug. 31. No exceptions will be granted, says Scholnick.

Eligible faculty members who did not receive a packet should contact Scholnick at 405-4252, or es8@umail.umd.edu.

Continued on page 7

## COLA Gives a Monetary Lift to Employees

Beginning July 1, regular University of Maryland faculty and staff will notice a pleasant change in their paychecks. Thanks to a cost of living adjustment approved by Gov. Glendening, all regular state employees will receive a flat-dollar \$1,275 COLA to be phased in in two parts.

The first phase is a \$900 increase to be spread over 12 months, beginning July 1, 1998. In the second phase, an additional \$375 will be awarded Jan. 1, 1999. This \$1,275 lump sum is applied to each employee's base salary. Thus, beginning July 1, 1999, your base pay will be \$1,275 greater.

Questions regarding the COLA may be referred to Sue Elliott in campus payroll services at 405-3708.



Continued from page 1

sen to join our quest for greatness."

Speaking on behalf of the students, SGA president Jonathan Busch also welcomed Mote to campus, commending him on making "the same good decision to come to Maryland." Busch presented him with an official University of Maryland sweatshirt which Mote graciously donned, despite the intense heat. The sweatshirt was in addition to a Terps tie given on behalf of the Alumni Association.

But Busch cautioned the students have high expectations. "While my classmates and I consider a Maryland degree to be very valuable, we want it to be worth even more when we graduate," he said.

Still others challenged Mote to be a strong advocate for Maryland before the General Assembly. Aware of this university's struggles for funding from the legislature, Mote said he is prepared to fight for funding in Annapolis. Berkeley, like Maryland, is part of a larger university

system, and, it, too, suffered budget setbacks—a 30 percent reduction in funding over four years, he said.

"The flagship's impact is monumentally wide," said Mote. "People need to realize that an investment in higher education is not charity, but an investment in people and society."

Mote has held research positions at the University of Birmingham, the Norwegian Institute for Wood Science and Technology, the Technical University of Darmstadt and the Tokyo Institute of Technology. Among his numerous honors, Mote has received research fellowships from the National Science Foundation and from the Royal Norwegian Council for Scientific and Industrial Research.



Newly appointed president C.D. Mote dons a University of Maryland sweatshirt at the press conference announcing his appointment. The sweatshirt was a gift from SGA president Jonathan Busch (pictured left) on behalf of the student body.

The Terps tie Mote sports was another gift (from the Alumni Association) he received at the event.

In 1971, Berkeley gave him its Distinguished Teacher Award. In 1988 he was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in the U.S. and was awarded the Humboldt Prize by the Federal Republic of Germany. In 1997 Mote was chosen Honorary Member of the American Society of Mechanical

Engineers, the highest award bestowed by this society, for exemplary accomplishments in the course of his career.

His research work has yielded 300 publications as well as patents in the U.S., Norway, Finland and Sweden.

## letters to the editor

### A Letter to Faculty and Staff from Governor Parris Glendening

To the Editor:

Since becoming governor, I have made it clear that education is my top priority. First and foremost I am a father and a professor, and then governor of this great state. I want to make it even clearer, however, that the quality of education at the University of Maryland, College Park would not be where it is today without its faculty and staff.

Over the past four years, we have made it this administration's priority to prove that Maryland is indeed the flagship campus of our university system. This year, the University of Maryland is receiving \$274.6 million. That is a 9.1 percent increase over last year, and represents almost 30 percent of our overall higher education budget.

Salaries, wages and fringe benefits at the university have increased 16 percent since our first budget. We also have added 650 new positions over the past four-year cycle. These increases further demonstrate that we are working hard to ensure a quality faculty and staff for our flagship campus.

At the University of Maryland, we are blessed with an exceptional and productive workforce. From our healthcare providers to those who keep our beautiful campus clean, these reliable employees help make our campus the jewel of the University System of Maryland. As a former professor for 27 years, I am proud of the University of Maryland, and working with the legislature, we are doing everything possible to make sure it remains a quality institution.

When I return to campus as a professor, I look forward to walking across the mall from McKeldin Library to the engineering building, and being able to say that this administration played a key role in keeping our quality staff where they belong, at the University of Maryland's flagship campus.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

### Class Myth

Dear Editor:

Only recently I discovered a campus myth about class gifts which I hope we can stop perpetuating. Phillip Wirtz's piece on class gifts in your May 19 issue ("Graduates Leave Legacy, Enhance Campus") has prompted me to begin my campaign to get this misinformation corrected, in our commencement programs and wherever else it may appear.

Mr. Wirtz mentions the 1910 gate next to the Rossborough as part of an 88-year tradition of gifts. If you look closely at the plaque on this gate, you will discover that the gate was not erected and dedicated until 1941, although it was indeed given by the Class of 1910, but not until many years after their graduation.

I congratulate the Class of 1998 on their selection of a statue of Jim Henson and Kermit as a class gift. This is an excellent and most appropriate choice, in my opinion, and I look forward to the installation and dedication of this artwork on our campus.

Anne Turkos  
University Archivist

### Proper Names Please

Dear Editor:

I'm sorry to react negatively to your account of the America Reads program ("America Reads into the Future with Student Support," May 12). My only complaint is in reference to your use of PG instead of Prince George's County throughout.

Those of us who live here—especially those of us involved with its history and current development—are distressed when its proper name is not used. The abbreviation sounds dismissive and patronizing—like the proverbial scratch on the blackboard. You say Anne Arundel and Prince William (quite as long).

The *Washington Post* has been won over, and so have most of the TV stations. I hope that future *Outlooks* will be more respectful of the county in which the university resides.

On another note: kudos on your great photo retrospective on the Kirwans.

Virginia Beauchamp  
Associate Professor Emerita, English

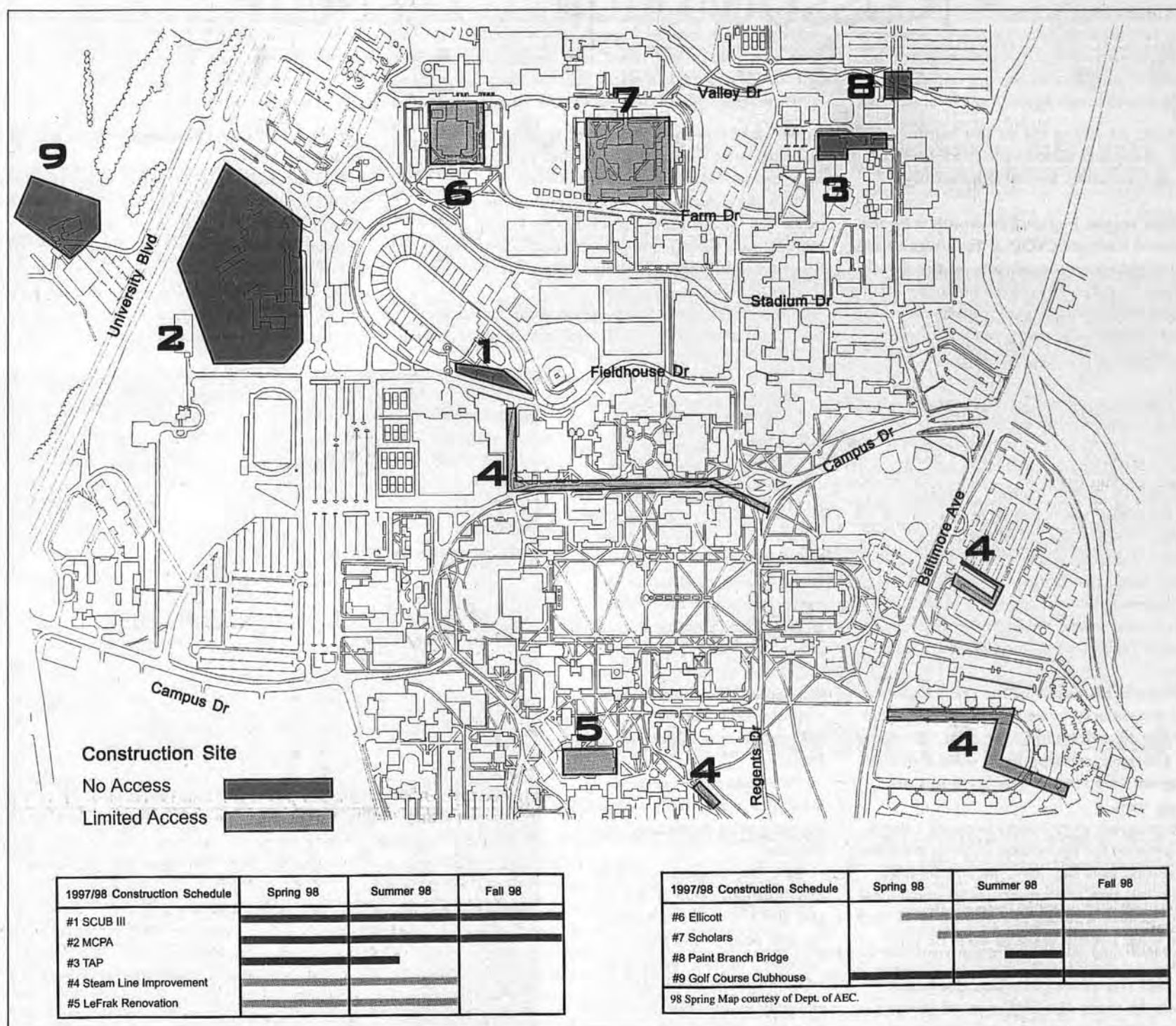
## Outlook

*Outlook* is the weekly faculty-staff newspaper serving the University of Maryland campus community. Vice President for University Advancement **Reid Crawford**, Acting Executive Director of University Communications and Director of Marketing **Teresa Flannery**, Executive Editor **Cassandra Robinson**, Editor **Jennifer Hawes**, Assistant Editor **Londa Scott Forté**, Editorial Interns **Kelley Fitzgerald**. Letters to the editor, story suggestions and campus information are welcome. Please submit all material two weeks before the Tuesday of publication. Send material to Editor, *Outlook*, 2101 Turner Hall, College Park, MD 20742. Telephone (301) 405-4629; e-mail [outlook@accmail.umd.edu](mailto:outlook@accmail.umd.edu); fax (301) 314-9344. *Outlook* can be found online at [www.inform.umd.edu/outlook/](http://www.inform.umd.edu/outlook/)



# Campus Construction Projects Abound

*A Quick Guide to What's Happening Where*



The Department of Architecture, Engineering and Construction (AEC) is responsible for capital construction on the College Park campus. This semiannual construction map is designed to keep the campus community informed on changes in traffic patterns in and around construction sites. Project descriptions and construction schedules also have been provided.

For addition information, please call AEC at 405-5075.

## #1 Satellite Central Utility Building (SCUB III)

SCUB III is located north of Cole Field House and will supply hot and chilled water to the Maryland Center for the Performing Arts and Stamp Student Union. Construction schedule: Fall 1997-Spring 1999.

## #2 Maryland Center for the Performing Arts

The MCPA facility will provide approximately 318,000 square feet of classrooms, laboratories, studios, practice rooms, offices, performance halls, theaters and a library. The site for the new MCPA is located at Denton Field, adjacent to the Stadium Drive entrance.

Construction schedule: Spring 1997 through Spring 2000.

## #3 Technology Advancement Program (TAP)

This state-of-the-art laboratory building will provide flexible, adaptable and economic business development space. Construction schedule: Spring 1997 through Summer 1998.

## #4 Steam Line Improvements

Replacement and installation of the underground steam lines. Construction schedule: Library Lane, Fall 1997 to May 1998, Fraternity Row and Campus Drive, Summer 1998. Entire project completed August 1998.

## #5 LeFrak Hall Renovation

This two-phase renovation project consists of upgrading the mechanical system and completing interior finishes in the east and west wings. Construction schedule: Phase I East Wing, June 1997 to Spring 1998, Phase II West Wing, June through August 1998.

## #6 Ellicott Dining Hall Renovation

Renovation and expansion of the dining room, seating area and servery. Construction schedule: Spring 1998 through Summer 1999.

## #7 Scholars Program

This program includes ADA modifications to Cambridge and Centreville residence halls and new seminar rooms in Cambridge Dining Hall. Construction schedule: Spring 1998 to Fall 1998.

## #8 Paint Branch Bridge (Lot 4)

Road closure will be necessary while replacing the existing bridge across the creek. Traffic will be detoured onto Regents Drive. Construction schedule: July 1998 to mid-August.

## #9 Golf Course Club House

Construction of a new 21,000 square foot clubhouse located on the existing building site. Construction schedule: Spring 1998 through Winter 1998.



# Rossborough Festival

Sounds of music are filling the air this summer as local talent join musicians nationwide in kicking off the University of Maryland's annual Rossborough Festival.

The symphonic season begins this month with the National Orchestral Institute (NOI), a three-week training program in which young musicians on the threshold of their careers receive experience in orchestral musicianship and professional development under the instruction of internationally renowned conductors and distinguished musicians from leading American orchestras.

From June 5-28, the program includes three Saturday evening performances by the NOI Philharmonic (June 13, 20 and 27), composed of a select group of undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate musicians, age 18-28. In forming this year's orchestra, 805 individual auditions were held in 20 cities nationwide. The 90 selected musicians hail from various U.S. cities, Canadian provinces, and countries such as Australia, Japan and Korea.

The young professionals participating in this unique musical experience include University of Maryland students Claudine Bigelow, Wendy Harton and Amy Larson.

Bigelow, a doctoral candidate at the School of Music, took up the viola 15 years ago at age 15. This year is her third as a participant in the NOI. Her first year was as an alternate, offering her a solid introduction to the program. Her second year gave her the confidence to do well.

"I chose this program over others because I don't think [others] prepare for orchestral training with the same level of faculty," says Bigelow. She admits it's a lot of hard work, but says she continues to participate in the program because it raises her playing level each time. "This year, what I really want to do is be polished," she says.

Harton was only five years old when she began playing the violin 16 years ago. Her musical training and performance were composed solely of private lessons and individual recitals until she came to the university and began playing in the orchestra. Harton, who graduated in December with a degree in violin performance, is currently enrolled as a graduate student. She hopes the program will help her audition better and learn from faculty and students.

Program participants take part in the weekly performances as well as sectional rehearsals, masterclasses and "mock auditions" during which standard profes-

sional audition requirements are taught. Optional chamber music coaching and other professional development seminars also are offered.

"It's like a summer camp where famous artists relax and impart their knowledge on young professionals," says George Moquin, executive director of the Rossborough Festival. "It helps artists decide what they really want."

According to Moquin, program participants receive pertinent information about auditioning professionally. About half of the program's past participants attain positions in professional orchestras and attribute their status to the experience gained from the program, he says.

In 1976, Moquin founded the Maryland Summer Institute for Creative and Performing Arts (MSICPA), dedicated to developing programs to enhance the careers of young professionals. Recognizing a national need for professional development in music and the university's need to characterize a good music school with a "fine orchestra," the NOI program was developed in 1988.

"We wanted to create an atmosphere in which we could recruit young musicians," says Moquin.

In 1993, Moquin added the Rossborough Festival title to give the MSICPA a simplified "public name," says Moquin. Currently in its 11th year, the NOI continues to be offered annually as a unique and significant feature of the Rossborough festival.

Though the program's talented musicians may eventually choose not to pursue a career in their orchestral specialty, Moquin says it is the NOI's goal to help them make such a decision. "It helps them throughout life no matter what career they pursue," he says.

The concerts featured each week of the program are performed by the NOI Philharmonic under the direction of different internationally renowned conductors.

On Saturday, June 13, Gerhardt Zimmerman conducted the NOI Philharmonic in Wagner's *Prelude to Die Meistersinger*, Stravinsky's *Petrouchka* and Beethoven's *Symphony no. 5*. Zimmerman has been the music director of the North Carolina Symphony since 1982. He is also the music director of the Canton Symphony in Ohio and the Breckenridge Music Institute in Colorado. Previously, Zimmerman served as associate conductor of the St. Louis Symphony where he was also an Exxon Arts Endowment conductor. Additionally, his guest conducting experiences include the Chicago,

Cleveland, Atlanta, Pittsburgh, Seattle, and Utah symphony orchestras.

On Saturday, June 20, Marin Alsop conducts the NOI Philharmonic in Daugherty's *Krypton*, Brahms' *Symphony no. 4* and Richard Strauss' *Ein Heldenleben (A Hero's Life)*. Alsop is the music director of the Colorado Symphony, the creative conductor chair of the St. Louis Symphony and the music director of the Cabrillo Festival in California. Her guest conductor appearances include those with the Atlanta



Symphony, Philadelphia Orchestra, Minnesota Orchestra, National Symphony and Los Angeles Philharmonic. Alsop's international engagements include the Sydney Symphony and the Royal Sottish National Orchestra.

On Saturday, June 27, Jahja Ling conducts the NOI Philharmonic in Prokofiev's *Symphony no. 5* and Tchaikovsky's *Symphony no. 5*. Ling marks his 13th year as resident conductor of the Cleveland Orchestra and tenth as music director of the Florida Orchestra. Prior to the Cleveland Orchestra, Ling was the associate director of the San Francisco Symphony. He has conducted virtually all of the major orchestras in the United States and his past international engagements include the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra, the Montreal Symphony, and the Royal Philharmonic.

All performances take place in Tawes Theatre on the University of Maryland campus and free parking is available in Lot 1 in front of Tawes Theatre. Ticket prices are \$12 general admission, \$10 senior citizens and \$5 for students. Tickets are available at the door or by calling the Rossborough Festival Summer Box Office at 301-405-6538.

## Free Concert Tickets Available

Faculty and staff are eligible for one complimentary ticket to each performance of the Rossborough Festival in Tawes Theatre during June and July. You may obtain your ticket by presenting a Faculty/Staff ID card at the Tawes Box Office, open Monday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m., and one hour before performances.

Faculty/Staff family and alumni must present a Campus Recreation Services membership card available at the Campus Recreation Center for \$26 per summer session. There is a \$2 handling charge per ticket.

For information please e-mail George Moquin, executive director of the Rossborough Festival, at gmoquin@deans.umd.edu or call him at 301-403-8370, or visit the festival's web site: [www.inform.umd.edu/rossboroughfestival/](http://www.inform.umd.edu/rossboroughfestival/).



## Putting Time on Their Side

### *Education Matters Committee Proposes More Time between Classes*

In the 1940s, hundreds of University of Maryland students had 10 minutes in between classes. Back then, it probably offered enough time to grab a soda and make it to the class in the building just next door. Fifty years later, more than 30,000 students still have 10 minutes to get to from class to class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, even though the campus sprawls from the Campus Recreation Center to Annapolis Hall.

Recently, several university faculty sent a proposal to the College Park Senate recommending the time between classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday be increased from 10 to 15 minutes.

"The campus is always concerned about the quality of undergraduate education and from time to time we make little improvements," says John Pease, associate professor of sociology and one of the faculty members on the Education Matters committee who drafted the recommendation letter to the College Park Senate.

The group, Education Matters, is comprised of the 1997-1998 Lilly-Center for Teaching Excellence fellows. The group met once a week to discuss teaching and other subjects related to undergraduate and graduate education. At the end of last semester, the Lilly-CTE fellows held a community discussion on topics that were major themes in their talks, such as class times and attendance.

From the community discussion, the group decided on three recommendations to take to the College Park Senate, including Increasing the time between classes.

"Ten minutes is not enough time to walk from class to class, let alone have time to speak with the professor or use the necessary room between classes.

This problem is especially troublesome for underclassmen who take courses in several different colleges," states the committee's letter to the Senate. "More time between classes would reduce, but not eliminate, disruptions by students who arrive late to class and students who stop listening and note-taking five minutes before the end of the class period to prepare their departures."

Pease says the group surveyed the university's peer institutions to compare their between-class times with Maryland. The group learned that Michigan State and Rutgers schedule 20 minutes between classes, while schools like Cornell, Florida, Indiana and Penn State have 15 minutes.

"We think an extra five minutes would mean that more students could actually get from one class to the next, and do it on time," Pease says.

In addition to the extra minutes between classes, the Education Matters members recommended shortening the add period at the beginning of the semester to one week and requiring students who wait-list a course to attend the course.

"The current two-

week add period is too long," states the letter to the Senate. "Some professors report that students do not begin attending classes until the third week of the semester. Requiring students to attend a course who are on the wait list is therefore needed."

Pease says the recommendations are now left in the hands of the College Park Senate to possibly pursue further in the future.

"The university is always a work in progress," says Pease, adding that recommendations for improvements can only make the university better.

—LONDA SCOTT FORTÉ



## Charles Peterson Donates Historic Preservation Books and Papers to University Libraries

Charles Peterson, architectural historian, restorationist and planner, who has been a giant in the historic preservation field over some six decades, has established The Peterson Archive and Library of Early American Building Technology and Historic Preservation at the University of Maryland, College Park Libraries.

Peterson's gift consists of his books and papers, along with financial support for cataloging these materials. Through the gift of his archive and library, the University Libraries will be able to enhance its growing collection of historic preservation documentation, initiated in 1986 with the acquisition of the National Trust for Historic Preservation Library Collection.

The Peterson Archive and Library will provide a rich resource for students and scholars interested in Charles

Peterson's life-long contribution to the preservation movement in the 20th century.

In 1929 Peterson launched his professional career with the National Park Service and, four years later, originated the Park Service's Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS). Today, the HABS program continues to produce measured drawings, large-format photographs, and written histories of historic sites, structures and objects that are significant to the architectural heritage of the United States.

A charter member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and a founding member of the Association for Preservation Technology, Peterson has supervised countless restoration projects throughout the United States. His leadership in the 1950s of the revitalization of the Society Hill neighborhood of Philadelphia, where he lives, and his role during the same period as Resident Architect of Independence National Historical Park, have become legendary.

Peterson, who has received many life achievement awards, is a frequent lecturer on architectural history and preservation before professional, academic and lay audiences across North America, Europe and the British Isles. In devoting many years to the study of colonial architect Robert Smith, Peterson has amassed a superb body of information on Smith's work in the Mid-Atlantic colonies.

The Peterson gift to the University Libraries includes his

library of more than 3,000 volumes containing material on early American architecture and building; American and British building materials; Pennsylvania and Philadelphia architecture; the architectural history of Hawaii, and a significant body of material on Scottish architectural history from the 18th century.



### *Hornbake Establishes Fund to Support Campus Libraries*

R. Lee Hornbake, retired vice president for academic affairs at the University of Maryland, and after whom the Hornbake Library on campus is named, has established the R. Lee and Evelyn Y. Hornbake Fund to support the campus libraries.

The endowed fund, part of the university's comprehensive fund-raising campaign, honors Hornbake and his late wife, Evelyn, a former University Park Elementary School teacher and piano teacher who died in 1994. Mrs. Hornbake was also a former president of the American Association of University Women at the University of Maryland.

The purpose of the fund is to provide annual income for book and library materials acquisitions for the University of Maryland, College Park Libraries.

Hornbake retired from the University of Maryland in 1979 after a 34-year tenure during which he served as an industrial education professor, department chair and dean of faculty, before assuming the vice presidency in 1960.

A member of many professional organizations and a recipient of numerous honors, awards and citations, Hornbake received in 1980 the Academy of Fellows Award, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual for outstanding contributions to the profession.



## University Outreach Efforts Recognized

### Service to Schools Awards Presented

Rising above and beyond the call of scholarship, last month several university faculty were presented with the 1998 Outstanding Service to Schools Award. The award is presented annually by the President's Commission on School/University Cooperative Programs.

For more than three years, **Howell Baum**, professor of urban studies and planning, has worked with Southeast Baltimore residents and schools for the improvement of public education in that community. "The schools in Southeast Baltimore face the serious inner city school problems that have become familiar to all of us; low achievement, truancy, high drop-out rates, inadequate facilities and overcrowded classrooms," says Baum's award nominator Marie Howland, professor and director of the department of urban studies and planning. "Professor Baum has chosen to tackle these problems in his community/action research project in Southeast Baltimore."

One of Baum's contributions to the community has been the ability to identify individuals and organizations who are untapped potential resources for education and bring them together to help the schools. As a result of Baum's research and work, Southeast Baltimore residents have volunteered many hours for projects and activities to improve their community.

**Joan Lieber**, associate professor of special education, has directed her efforts toward issues and problems related to schools. The primary focus of her research is the differences in how environments affect developmental outcomes for young children with disabilities. She has used her research results to collaborate with teachers and other staff members in four local school systems to improve the quality of instruction in preschool programs.

For the past four years, Lieber has co-directed the Early Childhood Research Institute on Inclusion. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, the program explores the barriers and facilitators to inclusion for children with disabilities and develops interventions and strategies to overcome those barriers.

This year a team of seven individuals from the foreign language departments of the College of Arts and Humanities jointly received the Service to the Schools Award. "These seven have gone above and beyond their regular jobs and course loads to spearhead activities that impact the Maryland school system, students, teachers and community as a whole," notes the team's nominator Charlotte Groff Aldridge, acting director of The Language Center.

**Maria Lekic**, associate professor of Russian, serves as section head for Russian and as graduate adviser in the department of Asian and East European languages and culture. In addition to her regular course loads and duties, she's the organizer of the regional Olympiad of Spoken Russian competitions. Lekic's outreach to high school Russian language programs has focused on improving the quality of teaching Russian and contributing to the development of a new generation of teaching materials.

**Karen Little**, instructor of Spanish, has volunteered as chair of the Outreach Subcommittee of the Foreign Language

**Gabriele Strauch**, associate professor of German and associate dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, organized the first annual Maryland Organization of German Students convention in 1997. The event brought 240 students of German and their teachers from high schools across the state. Currently Strauch is the Arts and Humanities representative on the University of Maryland/Northwestern High School partnership Task Force. She is also investigating the development and implementation of teaching modules for high school students interested in exploring preparatory course offerings in Arts and Humanities.



Pictured with President William E. Kirwan (center), this year's Service to the Schools awardees: Pierre Verdaguer, Gabriele Strauch, Howell Baum, Carmen Gonzalez-Roman, Maria Lekic, Karen Little, Kathleen Rose, Eileen Timothy and Joanne Goldsmith (chair of the Commission on School/University Cooperation).

Instruction Committee and served as chair of Language Day for the past two years. Through outreach and Language Day, Little's efforts have encouraged foreign language study at the high school level, as well as enhanced overall interest in the state's foreign language programs.

**Carmen Roman**, lecturer of Spanish and community outreach director for the department of Spanish and Portuguese languages and literatures, has helped make the community aware of the resources available at the university. Through her involvement in the recruitment of first generation Latinos to the university, she is now a leader in the establishment of mentoring and various other programs for the Latino population at Maryland.

**Kathleen Rose**, graduate teaching assistant in the department of Germanic Studies, helped to organize and coordinate "Bunter Abend," an evening of stage performances given by students of German to the community at large. Last year Rose was on the organizational and logistics team of the Maryland Organization of German Students (MOGS) and conducted a workshop for high school students on German women writers.

**Eileen Timothy**, graduate teaching assistant of German and assistant to the coordinator of Language House, began her outreach involvement in 1995 with an exchange program with Hyattsville Middle School. She taught several classes there, and the middle school reciprocated with a field trip to the university, where they joined Timothy's regular German classes. Last year, Timothy gave a workshop on writing and performing dialogues in German at Language Day and played a major role in organizing the annual MOGS convention.

**Pierre Verdaguer**, associate professor in French in the department of French and Italian languages and literatures, is a faculty member whose involvement in middle and high schools dates back to 1981 and 1983 when Verdaguer first taught in-service culture courses for Montgomery County teachers of French. In 1992, Verdaguer became a project specialist for a NEH grant awarded to Montgomery County Schools on teaching of culture (K-8). In 1996, Verdaguer was co-organizer of a workshop for French immersion teachers and served as a core teacher.

## Fair for Your Health

A variety of free health services and health education activities is available from the University Health Center at its Faculty/Staff Health Fair, Wednesday, June 17. Come by the Health Center any time between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. that day and learn more about your health.

Have your blood pressure checked, or let the staff of the Wellness Research Lab test your body composition, flexibility and strength. Vision (including glaucoma) and hearing tests will be offered as well as oral cancer screenings and health risk assessments.

A staff member from the Campus Recreation Center will offer information on stretching before exercise, and a nutritionist will share a healthy snack, along with nutritional counseling.

Videos and information on breast self-examination will be available from the women's health staff, who will have information on local mammography sites, calcium supplements and hormone replacement therapy. Seated massage—an ever popular attraction—will be provided by massage therapists.

And if you need information on asthma, smoking cessation, skin cancer or acupuncture, then the health fair has that as well. Members of the Faculty/Staff Assistance Program will be available to answer questions and provide information on mental health, substance abuse and work-related difficulties.

For more information, call 314-8128 or visit the center's new web site at [www.inform.umd.edu/UniversityHealthCenter/](http://www.inform.umd.edu/UniversityHealthCenter/)



## Fun, Fireworks Mark Fourth

That most American of holidays, Independence Day is soon to be celebrated. The University of Maryland and the City of College Park are working together to bring you a fabulous Fourth of July.

Less than three weeks from today, anywhere from 35,000-45,000 people are expected to make their way to campus for some good old rock and roll music and a phenomenal fireworks display.

The fun begins at 8 p.m., Saturday, July 4, when the band Redstone performs in Lot 1D, across from Tawes Theatre, complete with a light show. At 9:30 p.m., fireworks fanatics will delight in a colorful pyrotechnic display. The fireworks will be launched from the front lawn of the president's house.

Throughout most of the evening, sodas, ice cream bars and other picnic-type concessions will be available for purchase, but you are free to pack your own good eats and fine beverages as well. Organizers encourage you to bring blankets or lawn chairs as there is no special seating.

All events are free, including the parking. Handicapped parking will be available in Lot AA.

Should rain make an appearance on the fourth, rain date—for the fireworks only—is Sunday, July 5 at 8 p.m. The decision whether or not to postpone the activities will be made at 5:30 p.m., July 4<sup>th</sup>.



## Faculty Retirement Incentive Program Has Aug. 31 Deadline

*Continued from page 1*

Scholnick cautions there are many complex decisions and considerations involved in choosing early retirement. "I urge people not to wait until Aug. 31 to go through retirement planning," she says.

Professor emeritus Francis Stark, who is on the staff of the Vice President for Academic Affairs Office, is available to help faculty estimate the financial impact of retirement.

Scholnick encourages eligible faculty to make an appointment with him, by calling Maretha Watkins, at 405-6810.

"Francis can describe for faculty how their retirement system works and work through with them different payment plans," says Scholnick. Any faculty member unsure of his or her eligibility for the early retirement incentive should contact Scholnick at 405-4252.

## notable

**William Bentley**, director of the Engineering Research Center's Bioprocess Scale-up Facility, has been awarded the Allan C. Davis Medal, awarded annually to Maryland's Outstanding Young Engineer by the Maryland Science Center in Baltimore. Bentley's background in both the life sciences (he holds a joint appointment at the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute) and engineering, and his inventive spirit, have combined to make him a leader in developing technologies for low-cost production of proteins that serve as poultry and animal vaccines. He also has become a facilitator of technology transfer between industry and academia.

The Freedmen and Southern Society Project website has been selected by EDSITEment as one of the best sites on the Internet for education in the humanities. The project, in the department of history, is directed by **Leslie Rowland**.

EDSITEment is a project of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Council of the Great City Schools and MCI Communications Corp. to provide "a gateway to the highest quality humanities-related educational content on the Internet." The EDSITEment website (<http://edsitement.neh.gov>), where the Freedmen and Southern Society Project website can be seen, provides one-stop shopping for parents, teachers and students across the country seeking excellent, content-rich sites from among the more than 66,000 educational sites now accessible on the Internet.

**Michael Fu**, associate professor in the Robert H. Smith School of Business and Stacy Hill received the Institute of Industrial Engineers Transactions Award for the best paper in operations engineering on a simulation-focused issue at the Industrial Engineering Solutions '98 Conference last month. The award was for their paper titled, "Optimization of Discrete Event Systems via Simultaneous Perturbation Stochastic Approximation." This award promotes excellence in industrial engineering research applications by recognizing the best paper published in the focused issue.

**Herb Hartnett**, assistant to the director for communications projects in the Office of University Relations, is being presented with one of four Lifetime Awards given by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) later this month. He also is one of eight SID's to receive the 25-year award from CoSIDA.

Hartnett, who worked in sports information for more than 27 years was the University of Maryland's sports information director from 1988 to 1996. Previously, he worked in the sports information office at University of Pennsylvania as the assistant from 1969-76 and as the assistant athletic director in charge of publicity from 1977-88.

**Jennifer Hartt**, a junior biology major specializing in cell, molecular biology and genetics has won the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship in Science and Mathematics. The award is provided to students who demonstrate outstanding potential and intend to pursue research careers in mathematics and the natural sciences.

Two graduate students in the School of Architecture were recognized for their entries in a competition to design affordable infill housing for three sites in Chicago. **Eric Heidt**, a third-year student was awarded third prize and **Thomas Zeigenfuss's** design was selected for exhibition. Zeigenfuss is also a third-year architecture student. Both were members of the graduate housing studio taught by Ralph Bennett.

The competition was open to professional architects as well as students; there were 190 entries of which eight were selected for prizes and 16 more for exhibition. Heidt's design combines small units with large gardens in the backyards and Zeigenfuss provides simple apartment plans to which variable fronts can be built according to the neighborhoods in which the housing is placed.

**Kristin Marburg** has been awarded the Morris K. Udall Scholarship for the 1998-99 academic year. Marburg is a junior in the environmental science and policy program with concentrations in soil, water and land resources, and in environmental

politics and policy.

The endowed scholarship was established in 1992 to honor Congressman Morris Udall of Arizona—a champion of myriad environmental issues, including environmental protection and the preservation of natural resources. The scholarship provides \$5,000 for educational expenses. The applicants must be students of high academic standing who plan to pursue careers in environmental public policy or related fields of study.

**Richard Steinberg**, research associate in physics education research, has been selected as a 1998-99 National Academy of Education/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellow. The Academy created this program to encourage outstanding researchers at the postdoctoral level to pursue critical education research projects.

**Richard Webb** has been elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in Cambridge, MA. He will be inducted in October and join about 4,000 Fellows nationwide, including 160 Nobel laureates and 65 Pulitzer Prize winners who have been recognized for their contributions to sciences, scholarship, public affairs and the arts.

**Andrew Wolvin**, communication professor in the department of speech communication, has been designated a Distinguished Teaching Fellow by the Eastern Communication Association. He and his research colleagues were awarded the Ralph G. Nichols Top Two Paper Award for their paper on "Contextual Characteristics Influencing the Listening Process" at the recent International Listening Association conference.

At the May Academic Festival sponsored by the College of Computer, Mathematical and Physical Sciences, **Michael Coplan** was honored with the Excellence in Teaching Award. Coplan is research professor in the Institute for Physical Science and Technology, and teaches both physics and chemistry. Among the comments of his students were: "He's a hell of a good teacher" and "He challenges us to learn and backs up that challenge with a willingness to answer questions."



## FOR YOUR INTEREST

### Weather Talk

This summer, the department of meteorology presents two seminars in June and July.

Lance Leslie will lecture about "Some Recent Developments in Numerical Weather Prediction," on Friday June 19. The first half of Leslie's presentation will be devoted to an overview of the range of recent developments in each of the four weather prediction categories. The second half of the lecture will focus on one major advance recently made by the speaker in the quest for the elusive "best" numerical weather prediction scheme.

On Tuesday, July 7, Robert Ellingson will discuss the "Development, Validation and Application for a Detailed Longwave Radiation Model for Atmospheric Applications."

Both lectures take place at 2 p.m. in Room 2400 of the Computer and Space Sciences Building.

For more information, call 405-5392.

### Advisers Wanted

The Division of Letters and Sciences (L&S) is seeking faculty, research associates, professional staff members and full-time Ph.D. students to advise L&S freshmen.

L&S is the advising home for students who want to explore academic options before declaring a major. L&S will bring in approximately 1,200 new freshmen this summer and needs your help to be sure each of them will have an assigned adviser.

If you would like to advise five (5) L&S students whose academic interests match your own, please e-mail Dr. Wendy Whittemore at [wwhitte@deans.umd.edu](mailto:wwhitte@deans.umd.edu) for an information packet.

### Returned Peace Corps Volunteers

If you are a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer and would like to be invited to an initial RPCV campus community reception early Fall Semester, please send your name, contact information, and country of service to: [emcgovern@academy.umd.edu](mailto:emcgovern@academy.umd.edu) or call (301) 405-5751. Any assistance finding other RPCV's on campus would be appreciated.

Sponsors include the Burns Academy of Leadership, Office of Community Programs, Dingman Center for Entrepreneurship, Office of International Affairs (others welcome to be co-sponsors). Contact Elizabeth McGovern at 405-5751 or [emcgovern@academy.umd.edu](mailto:emcgovern@academy.umd.edu) for more details.

### Your Virtual Vacation

Experience a world of great art this summer—without the expense, jet lag and hordes of fellow travelers. Browse the galleries of the Barnes Foundation; examine the masterpieces of the National Gallery, London; hear a talk by a National Museum of American Art curator; turn the pages of Leonardo da Vinci's Codex Leicester; walk in the footsteps of Paul Cezanne; admire Robert Mapplethorpe's orchid

and 25 and July 2 and 9, from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Center for Health and Well-being at the Campus Recreation Center.

Sign up in person at the University Health Center, Room 2107. A \$15 fee is due upon registering. \$10 will be refunded upon program completion.

Call 314-8128 for more information.

### Construction Alerts

New underground electrical

lane of Stadium Drive.

Stadium Drive is scheduled to re-open to two-way traffic July 1. Regents Drive is scheduled to be back in full operation July 1.

Westbound Fieldhouse Drive is closed between Parking Garage 2 and Library Lane. Fieldhouse Drive between Library Lane and Parking Garage 2 is only open to eastbound traffic. Parking Garage 2 remains accessible from Fieldhouse Drive with two-way traffic.

Fieldhouse Drive is scheduled to re-open to two-way traffic July 1.

### Homecoming Events Brochure

This year, in an attempt to make Homecoming Week a series of campus-wide student, faculty, staff and alumni events, the Alumni Association would like to offer its services in publicizing your homecoming activities in its Homecoming 1998 Brochure: "Framing the Past, Picturing the Future".

The brochure will be sent to 40,000 alumni in early September. If you are interested in having your organization's or department's events and activities included in the Homecoming 1998 Brochure, please contact Kelly Bassett in the Alumni Association at 405-4674 or via e-mail at [kb98@umail.umd.edu](mailto:kb98@umail.umd.edu).

All information must be submitted by June 29.

### Library Materials

The University Libraries would like to remind you that materials you have borrowed may be recalled—with 14 days' notice—if another user places a request. If you are going to be away this summer for more than two weeks, you may wish to return your library books or have your mail picked up by someone with access to the items you have borrowed. In this way, others won't be denied the use of materials needed for their research (and you won't risk incurring late charges).

If you have any questions, please contact the Circulation supervisor at any University Library

### New College Park Senate Executive Committee

The new College Park Senate Executives for the 1998-1999 academic year are

Chair: **Denny Gulick**, College of Computer, Mathematical and Physical Sciences

Chair-Elect: **William Walters**, College of Life Sciences

#### Faculty:

**Deborah Cai**, College of Arts and Humanities, department of communication

**Kent Cartwright**, College of Arts and Humanities, department of English

**Christopher Davis**, A. James Clark of Engineering, department of electrical engineering

**Mark Leone**, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, department of anthropology

**Sally Phillips**, College of Health and Human Performance, department of kinesiology

**Thomas Schelling**, School of Public Affairs

**Leon Slaughter**, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, department of natural resource sciences and landscape architecture

#### Staff:

**David Sumner**, Dining Services

**Jordan Thomas**, department of animal and avian sciences

Graduate Student: **Steven Boyle**, School of Architecture

Undergraduate Student: **Sabastian Niles**, Robert H. Smith School of Business

Appointed Officer: **Dawn Leavell**, executive secretary  
Ex Officio: **Robert Hardy**, parliamentarian

Other Ex Officio: **William E. Kirwan**, University President  
**Marie Davidson**, executive assistant to the president representing President Kirwan  
**David Falk**, Office of Academic Affairs representing Provost Geoffroy

The committee can be contacted by electronic mail at [umail.umd.edu](mailto:umail.umd.edu) & [senate-chair@umail.umd.edu](mailto:senate-chair@umail.umd.edu) or visit the College Park Senate website at <http://www.inform.umd.edu/CampusInfo/Senate> for more information.

photographs.

All this and much more is just a few steps away in the Art Library, where its collection of image CD-ROMs can be seen as big as life and in living color on a 31-inch screen. The Art Library is located on the 2nd floor of the Art/Sociology Building.

For more details contact Lynne Woodruff, manager of art information services at 405-9065.

### Weight Management Seminars

Lori Wiersema, M.S., R.D., of the University Health Center is leading a four-part weight management seminar about losing excess body weight to ensure optimal health and well-being. The sessions are on Thursdays, June 18

and 25 and July 2 and 9, from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Center for Health and Well-being at the Campus Recreation Center.

Sign up in person at the University Health Center, Room 2107. A \$15 fee is due upon registering. \$10 will be refunded upon program completion.

